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MEANS FOR CONNECTING TWO PIPE ELEMENTS END-TO-END

AMENDMENT

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May 9, 2005

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed February 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, including one replacement drawing sheet, is attached following the signature page of this paper.